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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (presently amended) A safety contact lens comprising:
 means to protect an eye from harmful radiation; ~~and~~
 at least one identification area on said lens;
 wherein said identification area is visible to third parties, ~~and/or~~ to a person wearing said lens or to both while said lens is worn on an eye; and
 wherein said identification area is located outside an area of the iris of said eye when said contact lens is worn on said eye.
2. (original) The safety contact lens according to claim 1, wherein said harmful radiation is a laser or high power optical source.
3. (original) The safety contact lens according to claim 1, wherein said identification area is selected from the group consisting of a shaded area and a tinted area.
4. (presently amended) The safety contact lens according to claim 3, having said shaded area, wherein said shaded area is an area having altered surface texture so as to increase opacity of said shaded area.
5. (presently amended) The safety contact lens according to claim 3, having said tinted area, wherein said tinted area is of a color, wherein said color is chosen to corresponding to at least one radiation parameter to which said contact lens is protective according to a preselected scheme.
6. (presently amended) The safety contact lens according to claim 3, having said tinted area, wherein said tinted area is not visible under light in the normal visible range, and is only visible under light of a preselected wavelength range.

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7. (original) The safety contact lens according to claim 6, wherein said light of a preselected wavelength range is ultraviolet light.

8. (original) The safety contact lens according to claim 1, wherein said identification area has visual attributes that vary according to given radiation parameters, and wherein said visual attributes are unique to a given treatment or set of radiation parameters according to a preselected scheme.

9. (original) The safety contact lens according to claim 1, wherein said identification area is located at a position on said contact lens that does not overlay a pupil of said eye.

10. (original) The safety contact lens according to claim 1, wherein said identification area is in the form of a ring at or near a periphery of said contact lens.

11 (new, original 1, 3, 5) A safety contact lens comprising:
means to protect an eye from harmful radiation;
at least one identification area on said lens;
wherein said identification area is visible to third parties, to a person wearing said lens, or to both while said lens is worn on an eye;
wherein said identification area is a tinted area of a color; and
wherein said color is chosen to correspond to at least one radiation parameter to which said contact lens is protective according to a preselected scheme.

12. (new, original 1, 3, 6) A safety contact lens comprising:
means to protect an eye from harmful radiation;
at least one identification area on said lens;
wherein said identification area is visible to third parties, or to a person wearing said lens, or to both while said lens is worn on an eye; and
wherein said identification area is a tinted area that is not visible under light in the normal visible range, and is only visible under light of a preselected wavelength range.

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Claim 13 (new, original claim 7): The safety contact lens according to claim 12, wherein said light of a preselected wavelength range is ultraviolet light.

Claim 14 (new, original claim 1,8): A safety contact lens comprising:

means to protect an eye from harmful radiation;

at least one identification area on said lens;

wherein said identification area is visible to third parties, to a person wearing said lens, or to both while said lens is worn on an eye;

wherein said identification area has visual attributes that vary according to given radiation parameters; and

wherein said visual attributes are unique to a given treatment or set of radiation parameters according to a preselected scheme.